



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Health Services
Director of Public Health

At its meeting held July 6, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

“On April 13, 2004, the Board approved my motion, directing the Directors of Health Services and Public Health to convene a working group of Public Health staff and community agencies to address the alarming rate of infant mortality among African-Americans in the Antelope Valley. The working group was to undertake a review of the infant deaths, assess resources available to improve prenatal care, and develop and provide recommendations to the Board within 60 days.

“The Department worked with an extensive group of community agencies and submitted a comprehensive report with recommendations for actions. The report described specific actions which could be taken within existing resources and those for which grant funds would be sought.”

John F. Schunhoff, Chief of Operations, Department of Health Services, Cynthia Harding, Director, Maternal Child and Adolescent Health Programs, Drew Angel and Yvonne Michelle Autry addressed the Board.

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Knabe being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Accepted the Department of Health Services' June 2004 attached report, "Infant Mortality Among African-Americans in the Antelope Valley;"
2. Instructed the Directors of Health Services and Public Health to:
 - a. Proceed with implementation within existing resources as recommended in the report;
 - b. Seek grant funding for activities for which existing resources are not available; and
 - c. Report back to the Board within 60 days regarding the progress on implementing the recommendations in the "Infant Mortality Among African-Americans in the Antelope Valley" report.

In addition, Supervisor Burke requested the Directors of Health Services and Public Health to provide the Board with a map that identifies where the deceased infants resided in the Antelope Valley; and to look at the surrounding areas to determine if there are environmental factors involved in the infant deaths.

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Attachment

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